

# aci Residential News

*Proudly Serving the Alameda Community and Aiming for Zero Waste!*

## Reduce Waste This Holiday Season



*Americans produce 25 percent more waste from Thanksgiving to New Year's. With planning and intention, we can reduce our carbon footprint while experiencing the joy of coming together with family and friends.*

### REDUCE WASTE WHEN COOKING

- **Buy only what you need.** Plan your shopping trips and avoid wasted food. Use a meal planning tool to adjust your ingredients and portions accordingly.
- **Send guests home with leftovers.** Have guests bring empty containers or reuse clean empty food containers you've saved.
- **Compost your food scraps.** Use your handy kitchen pail to collect vegetable scraps. Need a pail? Contact us, we will deliver one!



Visit [StopFoodWaste.org](http://StopFoodWaste.org) for more food-saving tips.

### REDUCE WASTE WHEN GIVING

- **Try second-hand first.** Shopping at resale or thrift stores, or your local buy-nothing group, not only saves money, but keeps stuff out of the landfill.
- **Shop at local stores.** Shop local and support businesses that focus on sustainable, lasting goods. Try to avoid buying online, which creates additional packaging and transportation waste.
- **Give experiences.** Gift tickets to a museum exhibit, sporting event, gift cards to a local restaurant, or make home-cooked meals, baked goods, or homemade treats.
- **Give back.** Along with reducing our own wasted food over the holidays, there are also many ways to support essential local food organizations that help nourish our communities throughout the year. (See right.)



Visit [StopWaste.org/sustainable-holiday-guide](http://StopWaste.org/sustainable-holiday-guide) for more ideas.

## Help End Hunger in the Community

There are many ways to support essential local food



organizations that help nourish our communities throughout the year.

**The Alameda Food Bank** is a non-profit organization that assists the Alameda community by providing nourishing food in a compassionate and respectful manner.  
[AlamedaFoodBank.org](http://AlamedaFoodBank.org)

**The Alameda County Community Food Bank** distributes millions of healthy meals annually and is committed to creating a healthy and prosperous community.  
[accfb.org](http://accfb.org)

**Food Shift** employs creative and sustainable community approaches to addressing hunger by preparing nutritious food for distribution and supporting individuals to achieve economic security through job training and employment.  
[Foodshift.net](http://Foodshift.net)

## Try an Alternative Christmas Tree

*Avoid a cut or fake plastic tree this year.  
Go green with a sustainable alternative.*

- **Rent or adopt a tree** that is delivered alive and then replanted once you are finished. Search the internet for local sources.
- **Decorate a plant or tree you already have**, or purchase a potted tree that you can use each year or plant after the holidays.
- **Get creative!** Make a tree out of books, a photo collage, or wooden frames, the possibilities are endless.



## Holiday Tree Collection

ACI will collect holiday trees curbside from **Dec. 26 -Jan. 31** on your regular service day. Check your mailbox in December for a reminder postcard.



### REMEMBER:

- Remove all decorations, lights, and stands.
- Keep trees loose. Do not wrap or bag them.
- Cut your tree in half if it is taller than 6'.
- Small trees can be placed inside your **ORGANICS** cart.
- Flocked trees are accepted, but will not be composted.
- Artificial trees are not accepted and belong in the garbage when reuse is no longer viable. Contact us for collection options.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Tree collection will occur with special trucks at different times than your regular collection services.

FOR MORE INFO, SCAN THE QR CODE ABOVE OR VISIT  
[AlamedaCountyIndustries.com/alameda/holiday](http://AlamedaCountyIndustries.com/alameda/holiday)

## Holiday Service Schedule

### THANKSGIVING WEEK:

If your regular collection day is Thursday or Friday, service will be one day later.

### CHRISTMAS WEEK & NEW YEAR'S DAY WEEK:

If your regular collection day is Thursday, or Friday, your containers will be serviced one day later.

#### NOVEMBER 24 - 29, 2025

If your collection day is:	Mon. 24	Tue. 25	Wed. 26	Thu. 27	Fri. 28
Your holiday collection day will be:	Mon. 24	Tue. 25	Wed. 26	Fri. 28	Sat. 29

#### DECEMBER 22 - 27, 2025

If your collection day is:	Mon. 22	Tue. 23	Wed. 24	Thu. 25	Fri. 26
Your holiday collection day will be:	Mon. 23	Tue. 24	Wed. 24	Fri. 26	Sat. 27

#### DEC 29, 2025 - JAN 3, 2026

If your collection day is:	Mon. 29	Tue. 30	Wed. 31	Thu. 1	Fri. 2
Your holiday collection day will be:	Mon. 30	Tue. 31	Wed. 31	Fri. 2	Sat. 3

**Happy Holidays from everyone at ACI!**



**Remember to:**  
**Reduce,**  
**Reuse,**  
**Recycle,**  
**Rot, & Donate.**



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